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Nunavut Impact Review Board
Attention: Tara Arko, A/Director Technical Services
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Dear Tara Arko,

RE: DFO comments on Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's Request for Further Modification of Conditions 179(a) and 179(b) of Mary River Project Certificate No.005

Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (DFO-FFHPP) has conducted a technical assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's application and supporting documentation related to their request to further modify conditions 179(a) and 179(b) or Project Certificate 005 for the Mary River Project, which would allow for an extension to their previously approved production increase from 4.2 Mtpa to 6 Mtpa. DFO-FFHPP is providing a comments as directed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) letter dated January 8, 2020.

DFO-FFHPP's assessment and recommendations are based on our departmental mandate under the *Fisheries Act*, specifically the management and protection of fish and their habitat in both the freshwater and marine environments.

If you or any other parties have any questions, please contact Alexandra Sorckoff at 867-445-1630, or by email at Alexandra.Sorckoff@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,

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